

## Math 241 Section 15.7: Stokes' Theorem

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1. Introduction: Stokes' Theorem can be thought of as a version of Green's Theorem which applies to surface in 3D space, although it would be more accurate to say that Green's Theorem is a version of Stokes' Theorem when the surface is in the  $xy$ -plane.
2. Induced Orientations: If  $C$  is the edge of  $\Sigma$  and if  $C$  has an orientation (direction) then  $C$  induces an orientation on  $\Sigma$  using the right-hand rule; if your fingers follow  $C$ 's orientation then your thumb points in an orientation for  $\Sigma$ . We say  $\Sigma$  has the induced orientation from  $R$ .

This also works in reverse but we will not need it this way.

3. Stokes' Theorem: Suppose  $C$  is the edge of  $\Sigma$  and  $C$  is oriented. Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int \int_{\Sigma} (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

where  $\Sigma$  has the induced orientation from  $R$ .

Note: Stokes' Theorem leads to a multiple-step procedure:

$$\int_C \xrightarrow{\text{Stokes'}} \int \int_{\Sigma} \xrightarrow{\text{Param } \Sigma} \pm \int \int_R \xrightarrow{\text{Use Ineq}} \int_*^* \int_*^* \xrightarrow{\text{Grunt}} \text{Value}$$

So be clear about showing all necessary steps.

Example: Suppose  $C$  is the curve on the surface  $z = 9 - x^2$  lying above the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and having counterclockwise orientation when viewed from above. Evaluate  $\int_C 2y dx + xz dy + z dz$ .

Example: Suppose  $C$  is the intersection of  $x^2 + z^2 = 16$  with  $y = 9 - x^2$  having clockwise orientation when viewed from the positive  $y$ -axis. Evaluate  $\int_C (x^2 \mathbf{i} + xy \mathbf{j} + xz \mathbf{k}) \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ .